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1. [REDACTED] Called Mr. Charles Kendrick, Administrative Assistant to Senator Peter H. Dominick (R., Colo.), and told him we had noted the Senator is going to Vietnam and we would be glad to be of any assistance, either before he leaves or in Saigon. Mr. Kendrick said he would check with the Senator on Monday and let us know if he wished a briefing prior to his departure. I told Kendrick that Ted Shackley was [REDACTED] in Saigon.

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2. [REDACTED] Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that his schedule would not permit his visiting us for a briefing prior to his departure on Friday for Vietnam (see Journal of 30 December 1969).

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3. [REDACTED] Mr. Sydney Buford, INR in State Department, called regarding an inquiry State had received from Senator Edward Kennedy about [REDACTED] I told Mr. Buford we could not comment on this for publication but if Senator Kennedy personally was interested I would be glad to talk with him. Buford will find out who in Kennedy's office is handling the matter and let us know so that we can contact Kennedy's office directly and explain to them our position as above.

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4. [REDACTED] Called the Parliamentarian of the Senate and was advised that concerning the ten-day rule, the President would have until 5 January 1970 to sign the Agency retirement bill. He said that only Sunday's are excluded, not holidays.

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10. [REDACTED] I briefed Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, on the following items:

- a. Soviet oceanographic research;
- b. Soviet SL-12 space booster;
- c. Soviet SS-4 MRBM;
- d. Soviet underground nuclear testing.

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11. [REDACTED] Met with Representative Wendell Wyatt (R., Oreg.) and gave him a copy of the Lambert Los Angeles Times Green Beret item of 9 November. Representative Wyatt expressed his appreciation for the paper and noted again that he had enjoyed visiting the Agency and meeting with the Director.

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12. [REDACTED] Spoke with Robert Hull, Department of State, concerning progress of the Foreign Service Retirement Act amendments paralleling the Daniels/McGee bill and learned that the report has not yet been written and most likely will not be considered by the full committee until February or March of next year. (An interesting side effect is that this delay enhances the retirement inducement aspects of the bill, which also adopts the three-month cost-of-living formula which will be applied against a Consumer Price Index base of 1968 and probably result in a 9 percent or more annuity increase to those retiring following enactment.)

We also discussed the possible ramifications of the Hogan and Daniels bills extending the recent 5 percent cost-of-living adjustment to near term future annuities resulting from involuntary separation.

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